

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒   
no ☐

Property Name: Sharptown Main Street Commercial District Inventory Number: WI-119  
Address: Main Street City: Sharptown Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: Wicomico USGS Topographic Map: Sharptown  
Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Is the property being evaluated a district? ☒ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: Section 106 Agency: DOT/FHWA  
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district \_\_\_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_\_\_ yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Criteria: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  
\_\_\_\_\_ federal files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Prepared by: Emil Elinsky DOT/FHWA Date Prepared: 06/09/1981

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
Criteria: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ None  
MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Susan Minogue (keeper)

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

June 29, 1981

Date

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

*part of Sharptown Multiple Resource Area  
Declared historic 6/9/81***1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Main Street Commercial District

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Lower Main Street, portions of Little Water and Water Sts.

CITY, TOWN

Sharptown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Wicomico

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Various owners

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Wicomico County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Division Street

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

WE-119

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Main Street Commercial District is centered along both sides of Main St., at the intersection of Water Street, including four buildings on the southwest end of Water and Little Water Streets, and seven buildings on either side of Main Street. All buildings date from the late nineteenth century period of Sharptown's prominence as a trading and shipbuilding center.

The District includes four residences, six commercial buildings, and a bank. One of the commercial structures is an intrusion. The commercial structures are generally one or two story gable roofed frame buildings with projecting bay display windows and one-story shed roof porches. The residences are two or two and a half story frame buildings with irregular plans, porches and decorative wood trim. The bank is a one-story brick gable roofed structure with stone lintels on the main facade. Many of the store buildings are unoccupied and deteriorated. The Cooper Store is now a carpentry shop.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1870-1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Main Street Commercial District includes the main commercial buildings associated with Sharptown's most prosperous period, as well as several homes belonging to prominent merchants and citizens.

The S. J. Cooper Store at the foot of Main Street (Photo 1) was a pivotal site at the corner of the town's major commercial street and the wharf. Next to it are two Cooper houses, facing Water Street, which display both Cooper's wealth and the skill of local carpenters in their decoration (Photo 2). The former drugstore and doctor's office (Photo 3) combined commercial and residential uses. The former Eastern Shore Trust Company bank (Photo 4), built in 1905, was the first branch of this institution in Wicomico County. Its officers included most of the town's prominent citizens: A. W. Robinson, S. J. Cooper, J. S. Cooper, B. P. Gravenor, W. D. Gravenor, C. N. Bennett, J. W. Covington, and P. T. White.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet L. Davis

ORGANIZATION  
MHT/SHA Surveyor

DATE  
October 7, 1980

STREET & NUMBER  
21 State Circle

TELEPHONE  
269-2438

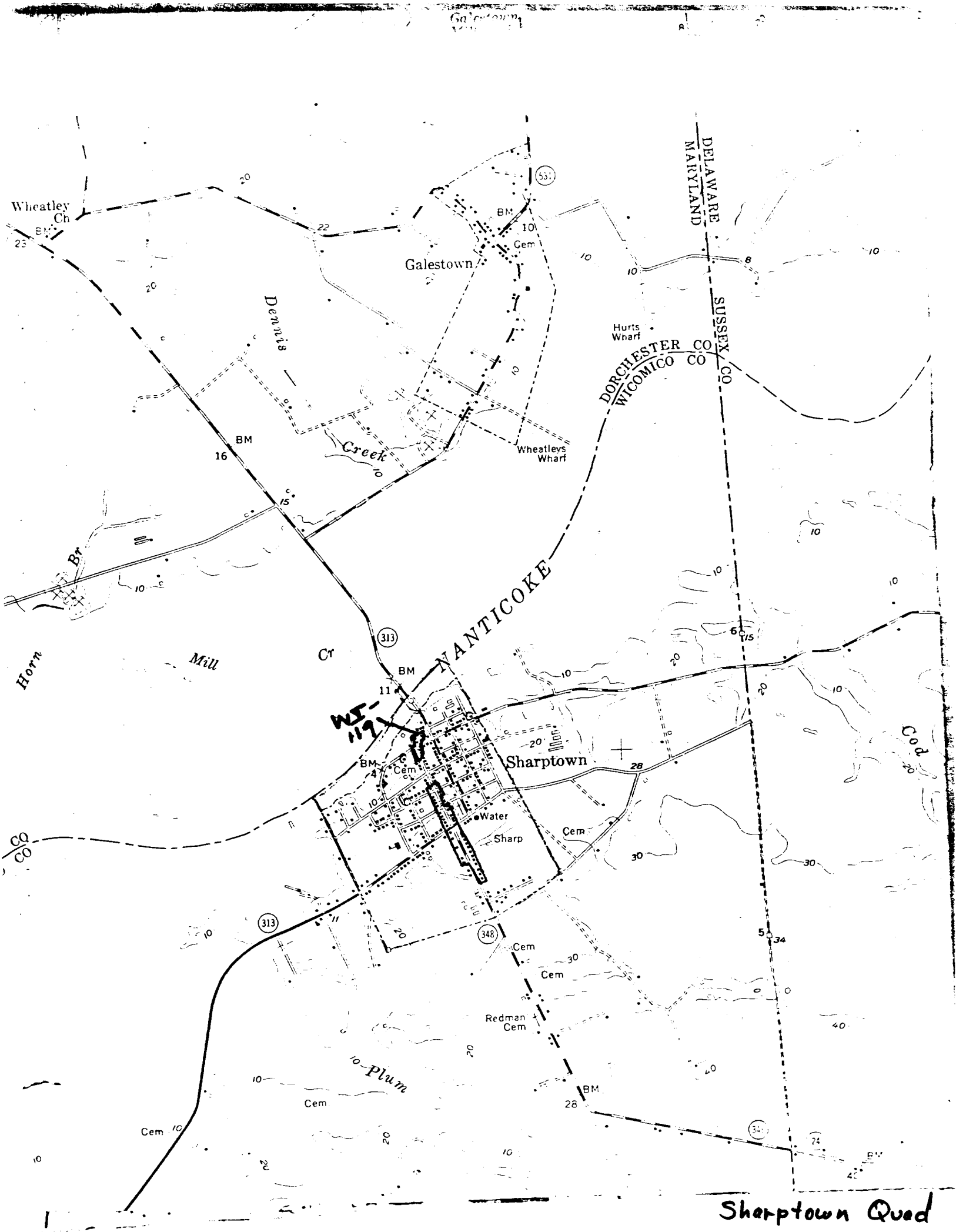
CITY OR TOWN  
Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Wol. 5<sup>th</sup> November = 1000  
Sun. 11th Nov  
Sat. 10th Nov  
Fri. 9th Nov  
Thurs. 8th Nov  
Wed. 7th Nov  
Tue. 6th Nov  
Mon. 5th Nov





Alto 1300

WI 100

Elmer - 1000

Corpus 1000

Alto 1000

Alto 1000

August 1000

South east elevation



Mo Street View 11/10/2019  
Eugene, OR  
Eugene, OR and surrounding  
photo taken from  
near 100th Ave NW, Trust  
August 10, 2019  
view toward northwest



May 1911 - California - Lake

W.I. 10

Thompson

Especially I am Thru the Lake

photo by a lake

near for old high throat

August 1911

South west elevation



Mo. Street Commercial East Mo.

WI 119

Chas. + Maryland

Cooper House #2

W. C. + East Lane

Aug. 1930

neg. loc. Mid. Dist. Trust

Southwest elevation